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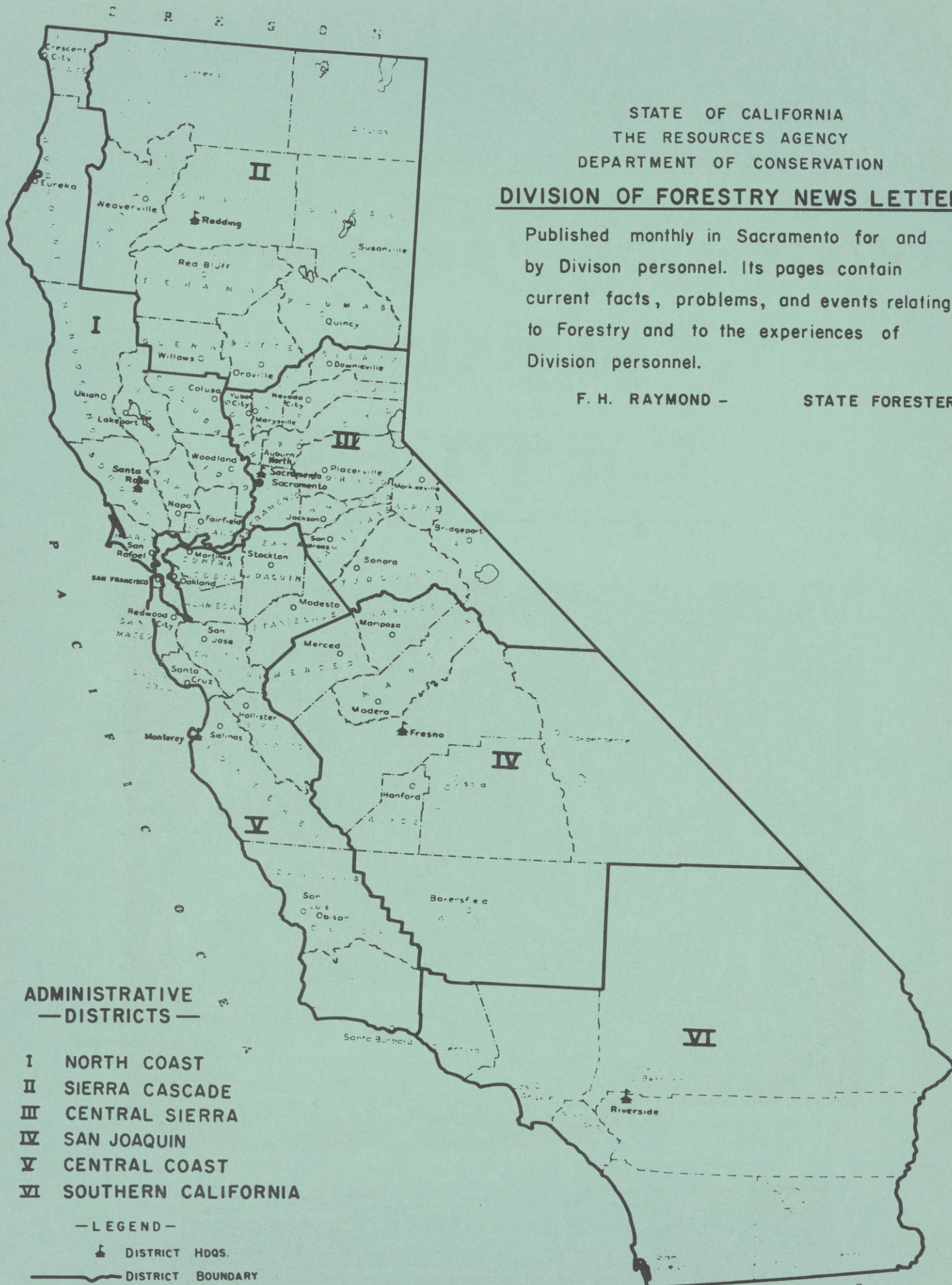
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STATE FORESTER



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DISTRICT BOUNDARY



September, 1963

STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY URGES IMPROVED FOREST PEST CONTROL

Better detection of forest pest damage, more effective control of epidemics, and increased research in forest pests by all agencies and land managers was urged by the Board of Forestry on September 10. A resolution on this subject was adopted after many months of hearing and studying testimony from the California Forest Pest Control Action Council and various pest specialists.

RESEARCH AIDS MANAGEMENT OF YOUNG REDWOOD FORESTS

The University of California issued a publication in September on empirical yield tables for young-growth redwood. This information should be of immense value to foresters in managing young redwood forests and predicting the growth that can be expected. This publication resulted from research financed by funds appropriated to the Division of Forestry.

ACREAGE LOST IN FOREST FIRES STILL LOW

Forest fires burned 30,600 acres in the third of the State protected by the Division of Forestry during the nine-month period from January 1 through September 30. Losses over the Labor Day holiday were the lowest ever recorded by the Division.

Losses so far this year are one-third of last year's for a comparable period and one-fifth of the five-year average.

FOREST FIRE PREVENTION AIDED

Senate Bill 643 written as an aid to forest fire prevention and forest fire prevention law enforcement, became effective on September 20. All persons and all levels of government except federal are subject to provisions of the bill.

Spark arresters are now required on all internal combustion engines operated off the highways. Standards have been established for clearances around mountain structures and for burning in incinerators, and other requirements are provided to aid the Division of Forestry in preventing the start of forest fires.

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EXPERIMENTAL WATERSHED REPORT

Tennessee Valley Authority has published a second hydrologic report on 88-acre Pine Tree Branch watershed in Henderson County, Tennessee, summarizing 15-year affects of reforestation. These data, compared with five years of measurements before trees were planted, show total run-off reduced 3 to 6 inches per year, peak discharges from summer and winter storms down to 70 to 90 per cent, and soil loss reduced 96 per cent.

The watershed was selected for this study in 1941 because it was fairly typical of extensive critically eroded areas in the western part of the Tennessee Valley. After a five-year calibration period there was an intensive program of



watershed improvement, including tree planting, contour furrowing, diversion ditching, and construction of check dams in stream channels and gullies. Practically all the watershed is now forested. Roughly 85 per cent is in planted pine that is nearing pulpwood size.

THE UNITED STATES USES PAPER PRODUCTS at the rate of 440 pounds per person per year as compared to a world average of 57 pounds, according to a new booklet, "Pulpwood Industry Facts," published by the American Forest Products Industries in cooperation with the American Pulpwood Association. Pulpwood production in the country nearly has doubled since 1950, climbing from 20.7 million cords to 40 million cords in 1961.

Annual per capita use of paper products is 280 pounds in Canada, 35 pounds in Russia, 135 pounds in France, six pounds in Red China, and three pounds in India.

"Pulpwood is the basic raw material for one of the nation's largest industrial complexes," says the booklet. "The pulp and paper industry in the United States is composed of 472 companies operating 813 paper mills and 357 pulp mills. In addition there are about 4,000 mills which convert the paper and paperboard into articles for every-day use."

The pulp and paper industry provides year-round jobs for more than 578,000 people whose wages total more than \$2.9 billion a year. The industry pays more than \$800 million a year for pulpwood delivered to the mills, furnishing a steady market for 24,000 tree farmers and other landowners growing trees as a crop.

Source: "What's Happening in Forestry"

THEN AND NOW NATIONAL FORESTS ARE FOR PEOPLE AND FOR USE.

Letter of instruction from Jim Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture to Chief Gifford Pinchot of the U. S. Forest Service dated February 1, 1905.

"The Forester, Forest Service. Sir:

"In the administration of the forest reserves it must be clearly borne in mind that all land is to be devoted to its most productive use for the permanent good of the whole people, and not for the temporary benefit of individuals or companies. All the resources of forest reserves are for use, and this use must be brought about in a thoroughly prompt and businesslike manner, under such restrictions only as will insure the permanence of these resources. The vital importance of forest reserves to the great industries of the Western States will be largely increased in the near future by the continued steady advance in settlement and development. The permanence of the resources of the reserves is therefore indispensable to continued prosperity, and the policy of this Department for their protection and use will invariably be guided by this fact, always bearing in mind that the conservative use of these resources in no way conflicts with their permanent value.

"You will see to it that the water, wood, and forage of the reserves are conserved and wisely used for the benefit of the homebuilder first of all, upon whom depends the best permanent use of lands and resources alike. The



continued prosperity of the agricultural, lumbering, mining, and livestock interests is directly dependent upon a permanent and accessible supply of water, wood, and forage, as well as upon the present and future use of their resources under businesslike regulations, enforced with promptness, effectiveness, and common sense. In the management of each reserve local questions will be decided upon local grounds; the dominant industry will be considered first, but with as little restriction to minor industries as may be possible; sudden changes in industrial conditions will be avoided by gradual adjustment after due notice; and where conflicting interests must be reconciled the question will always be decided from the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run."

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#### ARMY AIDS FOREST SERVICE

The Department of Defense has assigned a fully staffed airplane to assist the Forest Service in its Project Firescan, a research program for detecting and mapping forest fires with an infra-red scanner. The plane will be used in tests over a series of fires set by the Forest Service to burn slash left from logging operations on the national forests in Montana and Idaho. Pioneer experiments conducted during the past year have demonstrated that airborne infra-red scanners can accurately map forest fires either night or day, and through dense smoke which obscures details of fires to human vision.

The Lumber Letter - October 4, 1963

#### SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1963

	No. of Employees	No. of Appointments	No. of Separations
Resources Agency	4	0	0
Administration	80	3	2
Forestry	3,604	389	881
Mines and Geology	71	6	2
Oil and Gas	85	3	0
Soil Conservation	42	2	3
Water Pollution Control Boards	60	2	2
Totals	3,946	405	890

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#### PERSONNEL CHANGES - FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION

- 9-30-63 - James B. Davis, State Forest Ranger II, Fire Control Section, resigned.
- 10-1-63 - Robert Bow, Jr., Engineering Aid II, appointed in Engineering Section.
- 10-2-63 - Leroy T. Neil, State Forest Ranger I, Engineering Section retired.



### "HAY-BURNERS" RETURN TO MOUNTAIN HOME



There was a time when all logs cut in the Mountain Home country in Tulare County were moved by horses, mules or "bulls",--even the big Sierra redwood logs. Then came the donkey engine and the tractor. The teams and teamsters, most people assumed, had made their way permanently into history.

This summer, however, an Arkansasawyer showed up at the State Forest headquarters with an offer to take out timber with mules. There are areas, such as in and around campgrounds and surfaced roads, where it is impractical to log with the conventional tractor. There are also thinning jobs needed in young-growth where tractors would do more damage than good. So we are giving the mules an opportunity to see what they can do.

### AWARD WINNING FORESTRY EXHIBIT

For three consecutive years the joint exhibit (picture above) of California Division of Forestry and U. S. Forest Service has been awarded an Outstanding Exhibitor's trophy at the Fresno District Fair.





## OAK GLEN FLOOD



During the afternoon of August 15, 1963, a cloudburst between Wilshire Peak and Allen Peak on the Yucaipa Ridge in San Bernardino County produced a flash flood which resulted in considerable property damage, isolated the Oak Glen area, and disrupted communication and power services.

About three inches of rain fell in a half-hour period; the flood peak occurred about 2:15 p.m. This intense local storm caused soil and debris to move from both sides of Yucaipa Ridge

resulting in mud flows in the Mill Creek drainage near Forest Home to the north and in the Oak Glen drainage to the south. The extensive damage in the Oak Glen area was the result of mud and rock flows originating in Ford and Birch Creeks.

The mountains on which the rain fell are rough and steep; slopes range from 30 to over 100 per cent. The soils are of granitic origin, shallow, and unstable; they are mostly coarse sandy loams, loose and friable. The vegetation is mainly chaparral, with some oak and conifer woodland.

Parts of the Ford Canyon and Birch Creek drainages, the two main debris sources, were burned by the Ford Wildfire of 1958.







This 305-acre burn was seeded that year under the Emergency Revegetation Program. Because rainfall intensity and pattern in relation to burned and unburned areas were unknown, it was not possible to estimate to what extent this 5-year-old burn may have aggravated the flood flow.

Total property damage, primarily to apple orchards and farm equipment, has been estimated to be about \$300,000. Actual structural damage to roads and bridges was reported as negligible, but the County Road Department estimated costs of clearing the debris at about \$20,000. There was no loss of life, but several hundred persons, mainly children attending church camps, were endangered by the flood.

The Oak Glen Conservation Camp responded for possible rescue work, and assisted the County Road Department and Sheriff's Office in emergency operations. Communications, power, and access to Oak Glen were restored about 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon the day of the storm. The Oak Glen Road was opened for through east-west traffic between Cherry Valley and Yucaipa the following day.

The pictures in this article illustrate the flood damage. A lesson from this flood is a reminder of the inherent instability of our local watersheds, the potential of disaster, and the need for good watershed protection and management.

R. H. Blanford, Senior Forest Technician



## ALL LEVELS PUSH FOR SALARY INCREASE

Funds have been provided by the legislature for increases in salaries of State employees effective January 1, 1964, and July 1, 1964, where it can be clearly shown that at least a 5% lag exists. Competition for available funds is keen.

To insure that employees in the Department of Conservation and those in the Division of Forestry in particular receive justly deserved increases (or at least part what is deserved) Agency Administrator Hugo Fisher and Director DeWitt Nelson both contacted the State Personnel Board in behalf of the personnel for whom they are responsible.

Mr. Fisher appeared before the Personnel Board in person to call attention to some serious salary problems and later contacted the Board by letter to re-emphasize his views.

The following two paragraphs from Mr. Fisher's letter to the Board clearly indicate his determination to fight for salary increases where they are justified:

"Since becoming Agency Administrator I have become acutely aware of serious discrepancies among the salary levels of our conservation classes and those of other departments in our Agency and other State agencies. My observation of the work of our biologists, foresters, park managers; for example, impresses me with the highly professional nature of their work. Their duties and responsibilities, level for level, match those of other class series which are one or more steps higher. If this is the result of a strict application of prevailing rate data to the conservation classes, I feel it is a serious desertion of merit principles. If it is the result of an out-of-date determination of internal relationships, I recommend an immediate study of these class series by your staff and ours. If a law change is necessary to clarify or establish more equitable pay policies, principles and practices, I offer my assistance in support of such legislation.

"As you may appreciate, I feel strongly that the conservation schematic group has long been an undeserved laggard in gaining commensurate salary recognition. Our prospects for a far-sighted and achieving program of conservation of California's limited natural resources are conditioned by the quality of our personnel. I am convinced they are a match for any like occupational group in qualifications and performance. I am determined they should receive at least like recognition in salary."

On November 7 Director Nelson made a personal appearance before the Board to strengthen other Departmental efforts in behalf of salary increases.

Director Nelson said (in part) "I do want to point out a working relationship that is unique perhaps to Forestry that makes it imperative that we grant all the salary recognition we can on January 1, even though it may work out to be only two steps."

After describing the working relationships between Division of Forestry and other agencies Nelson said, "This proximity . . . makes our three to five-step salary differences a matter of daily notice and a painful reminder to our own employees."



"The disparity is most acute in our Forestry Classes above the first level supervision. . . This is a continuing and gross inequity to people who have served the State from five to twenty years. They build up a stake in retirement, job know-how, and loyalty to the outfit to the point where they can't very well express their dissatisfaction by quitting. We would be recognizing only part of what they justly deserve by a two-step increase."

Director Nelson further indicated to the Personnel Board that it was his wish that all civil service classes be granted increases as justified regardless of whether some of them might equal or exceed his own.

Departmental Director's salaries are set by the legislature and have long been considered a ceiling which restricted civil service salary increases. If the Personnel Board increases civil service salaries to levels justified by supporting data without consideration of salaries established by the legislature it will be a major break through in establishing equity for career civil service employees.

Both Mr. Nelson and Mr. Fisher have made their concern for their employees exceedingly clear.

Official Departmental request for the Forestry Schematic Group:

1. Forestry Schematic Group

We have updated prevailing rate data for our previously agreed-upon benchmark classes as shown on the attached table. In general, the data indicates the following:

- a. Forest Firefighter Foreman - one full step. The lag behind prevailing rates has increased from one-half step to in excess of one full step. While comparisons with Federal GS-6 and GS-7 rates alone may appear favorable there is wide disparity with the rates paid by the "outside" counties in California. The significance of day-to-day, side-by-side work relationships between our division employees and the county employees gives full support to recognition through a one-step adjustment on January 1, 1964.
- b. Assistant State Forest Ranger - two full steps. In unit manager comparisons the lag behind prevailing rate data has increased from three steps to five steps; lead dispatcher comparisons show a similar increase from one-half step to one full step lag. In both State employment and in local jurisdictions the preponderance of jobs is in the unit manager category and the prevailing rate disparity now highly accentuates the need for a two-step adjustment.
- c. State Forest Rangers I, II, and III - two full steps. The lag behind prevailing rate data has increased from one, four and three steps respectively, to three for State Forest Ranger I, and five steps for State Forest Ranger II and III. The most conservative comparisons with Federal rates alone fully support the requested two-step increase.



- d. Forest Technicians - two full steps. Current data changes the lag behind prevailing rates from two steps to three steps. While the comparable governmental data available is limited, there appears to be full support for a two-step increase even where supervisory and in-charge responsibilities are taken into account.
- e. Assistant Deputy State Forester - three full steps. A three-step increase for this class is warranted based on internal relationships in order to establish a minimum two-step differential over Ranger III whom they directly supervise in the field.
- f. State Forester and Chief Deputy State Forester - two full steps. Although the recommended two-step adjustment for State Forester will place that class at approximately the same level as the Director of Conservation, this should be done and serious compaction at the top of the Forestry series should be avoided. It is hoped that statutory salaries will be similarly adjusted either through the provisions of the Henderson amendment or by subsequent legislative action. Maintaining some degree of parity between State Forester and Regional Forester, U. S. Forest Service, GS-15 (\$1305-1563, effective 1-1-64) is compelling justification for the recommended two-step adjustment.

The State Personnel Board should decide at either its December 5-6 meeting or its December 19-20 meeting what classes get how much of a raise on January 1, 1964.

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#### NEW CAMP PROGRAM

Additional responsibilities were given to the Division of Forestry by the 1963 legislature which provided for the California Youth Conservation and Training Program.

Legislature authorizing the program became effective on September 20, 1963. Thirty working days later the first group of young men in the program were welcomed to Oak Glen Forestry Youth Camp by Deputy State Forester James Mace and Program Supervisor Robert "Lefty" Green with the support of representatives of the Department of Employment, Riverside County schools, local landowners, and others.

The California Youth Conservation and Training Program is administered by State Forester Francis H. Raymond. Directors of the Departments of Conservation, Youth Authority, Employment, Industrial Relations, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction have responsibility for policy guiding the program.

Under the program 100 youths at a time will be required to learn and work at a variety of conservation activities normally engaged in by the Division of Forestry. They will be furnished clothing, lodging, emergency medical care and will be paid \$60 a month while enrolled in the program. In addition, they will be encouraged to avail themselves of academic educational opportunities which will be made available through the local school authorities.



Youths showing special aptitude may earn an additional \$10 for crew leadership responsibilities. Most will stay at camp for a maximum of six months. A few may be allowed to "sign over" for an extra six-month "hitch".

As presently authorized by the legislature the California Youth Conservation and Training Program will consist of one camp, will enroll 100 young men at a time, and will continue for a two-year period. It is a pilot or demonstration program to afford qualified unemployed young men between 16 and 22 years of age who are not going to school an opportunity to develop traits and attitudes necessary to become productive members of society.

Five State agencies and a number of local governments are giving the program their fullest cooperation. Each youth enrolled will receive personal attention in setting and attaining a realistic goal in life.

The program, unique in its field, already has the attention of the Federal Government, numerous state and local governments, and an untold number of individuals.

Seldom have so few received so much attention from so many in the continuing search for ways of providing education and training opportunities to fit the needs of all people.

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COVER PHOTO: State Forester Francis H. Raymond explains the terms of a contract entered into between the State and each enrollee under the California Youth Conservation and Training Program. Left to right: Allen Braune, Alan Berni, Raymond, and William Bicknell.

Braune, Berni, and Bicknell, all from the greater Sacramento area, were among the first contingent of 25 youths expected to arrive for their new duties at the Oak Glen Camp on November 1.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES - DISTRICT I

- 8-29-63 Dixie F. Elliott, Intermediate Stenographer, Lake County, has transferred to the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards.
- 8-30-63 Phillip J. Howlett has been promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver, Lake County, to Forest Firefighter Foreman.
- 8-30-63 Charles L. Hutton has been appointed as a Forestry Equipment Operator, Lake County.
- 9-3-63 James B. Moranda, Forest Firefighter Foreman, Humboldt County, has been granted an Indefinite Military Leave.



- 9-12-63 William B. DeBerry, Forest Fire Truck Driver, has changed location from Mendocino County to Napa County.
- 9-6-63 Jeffrey B. Cockrell, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County, has resigned to return to school.
- 8-18-63 Elvin A. McCormick, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Humboldt County, has resigned.
- 9-3-63 George A. Weger, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Mendocino County, has resigned to return to school.
- 9-3-63 Timothy P. Huntington, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County, has resigned to return to school.
- 9-1-63 Johan M. Schorer III, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County, has resigned to return to school.
- 9-12-63 Gary L. Brown, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County has resigned.
- 9-23-63 Shirley A. Pierce has been appointed as an Intermediate Typist Clerk, Sonoma County.
- 9-25-63 Kenneth B. Haggard, Forest Fire Truck Driver, has changed location from Humboldt to Napa County.
- 9-25-63 Jack W. Fleckenstein, Forest Fire Truck Driver, has changed location from Mendocino to Sonoma County.
- 9-30-63 Lee E. Sheldon, Forestry Work Project Foreman, Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp, has resigned.
- 10-1-63 Jerry W. Patty has been promoted to Forest Firefighter Foreman, Humboldt County, from District III.
- 10-2-63 Glenn A. Zane, Forest Firefighter Foreman, Humboldt County, has been granted a Leave of Absence to return to Humboldt State College.
- 9-30-63 Judith C. Hodgin, Intermediate Stenographer, District I Headquarters, has resigned.
- 10-5-63 George E. Green, Forest Fire Truck Driver, has changed location from Sonoma to Humboldt County.
- 8-31-63 Mary Lou Lewis, Intermediate Typist Clerk, resigned, District Office.
- 9-9-63 Ronald S. Stammer, Forest Fire Truck Driver, Napa County, has separated to return to school.

## DISTRICT II

- 8-29-63 Russel F. Bockhop resigned as a Forest Fire Truck Driver to return to school.



- 8-30-63 Robert C. Williams was appointed as a Forest Fire Truck Driver.
- 9-4-63 George S. Simmons resigned as a Forest Fire Truck Driver.
- 9-10-63 James R. McCollister, Forest Fire Truck Driver, went on a leave of absence to continue college training in forestry.
- 9-13-63 Galen L. Daily resigned as a Forest Firefighter Foreman.
- 9-15-63 William L. Offutt resigned as a Forest Fire Truck Driver.
- 9-30-63 Guy P. Gibson, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned to return to college.
- 9-30-63 Burton H. Scott resigned as a Forest Firefighter Foreman.
- 10-1-63 Ray E. Fairburn, Forestry Work Project Foreman, transferred from Oak Glen Conservation Camp in San Bernardino County to Antelope Conservation Camp.
- 10-1-63 Chester L. Richardson took a voluntary demotion from Forestry Work Project Foreman at Magalia to Forestry Equipment Operator at Oroville where his family resides.
- 10-1-63 Walter L. Henson was promoted to Forest Firefighter Foreman from Forest Fire Truck Driver.
- 10-9-63 Kenneth H. Babbitt was promoted to Forest Fire Truck Driver from Forest Firefighter.
- 10-10-63 Jack R. Watters was promoted to Forest Fire Truck Driver from Forest Firefighter.

#### DISTRICT III

- 8-26-63 Jan B. Jones promoted to Forest Fire Truck Driver from Firefighter, Tuolumne County.
- 9-1-63 John W. McLeod resigned as Forestry Work Project Foreman, Washington Ridge Camp.
- 9-11-63 Richard D. Potter, appointed Forest Firefighter Foreman LT-6, Placer County.
- 9-12-63 Herbert L. Self, appointed Forest Firefighter Foreman LT-6, Tuolumne County.
- 9-14-63 Jack Badertscher, appointed Forest Firefighter Foreman LT-6, Nevada County.
- 9-13-63 Richard A. Pryor resigned as Forest Technician, Sacramento County.
- 9-23-63 Charles R. Hennings appointed Forestry Equipment Operator, El Dorado County.



- 10-1-63 John W. Shimer promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver, Placer County.
- 10-1-63 Jacques V. Chandler appointed Forestry Work Project Foreman, Yuba County, Smartsville C.C.
- 10-1-63 Pearl B. Good, position change from 541-983-2203-901 to 541-033-2203-001.
- 10-4-63 Teresa L. Baltzley reinstated to Intermediate Stenographer, District III Headquarters.
- 10-7-63 Norman J. Dal Porto, Assistant State Forest Ranger from Sacramento to Sutter Hill Training Center, Amador County.

#### DISTRICT IV

- 8-30-63 David B. Akers appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County.
- 8-30-63 Sisto Garcia promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver to Forest Firefighter Foreman in Fresno County.
- 8-30-63 Carl R. Smith promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver to Forest Firefighter Foreman in Fresno County.
- 9-10-63 Alan Jay Bell promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County.
- 9-10-63 Douglas G. Brown, Forest Fire Truck Driver, transferred from Madera to Merced County.
- 9-10-63 William G. Crookshanks reinstated as Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County.
- 9-18-63 David A. Jaynes promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare County.
- 10-11-63 Richard E. Keith, Forest Fire Truck Driver on indefinite Military Leave in Fresno County.
- 9-18-63 Willard H. Howe appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare County.
- 9-18-63 Harold W. Lansford appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Tulare County.
- 10-31-63 Paul F. Rudicel, Forestry Work Project Foreman transferred from Madera to Inyo County.
- 10-7-63 Ronald L. Hopkins promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Fresno County on a TAU basis.

#### DISTRICT V

- 9-15-63 Edwin C. Hedgpeth, Forest Fire Truck Driver, returned to school, Monterey County.



- 9-19-63 Carl J. Weyman, Jr., Forest Fire Truck Driver appointed Monterey County.
- 8-10-63 Richard C. Smith, Forest Fire Truck Driver, resigned San Mateo County.
- 9-30-63 Edward A. Arnaiz, Forestry Equipment Operator, resigned Monterey County.

DISTRICT VI

- 9-3-63 Dwaine C. Martin appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Riverside County.
- 9-5-63 Jerry A. Seitz appointed Forest Fire Truck Driver in Riverside County.
- 9-13-63 Robert E. Green promoted to State Forest Ranger I in San Bernardino County from Forestry Superintendent, C. C. in Lassen County.
- 9-13-63 Norman K. Willardson promoted Limited Term Forest Firefighter Foreman in San Diego from Forest Fire Truck Driver.
- 9-13-63 Jay C. Malmstrom promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Diego County.
- 9-10-63 L. W. Moran appointed Heavy Equipment Mechanic in Riverside County.
- 9-23-63 David E. Locke promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Riverside County.
- 9-23-63 Margaret J. Day appointed Intermediate Stenographer in San Bernardino County.
- 9-16-63 Roy E. Brantley appointed Forestry Work Project Foreman in San Bernardino County.
- 9-23-63 Lawrence J. Carter promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in Riverside.
- 9-30-63 Frank A. Scott, Forestry Work Project Foreman resigned.
- 9-30-63 Harry R. Frakes Forestry Work Project Foreman transferred from Oak Glenn Conservation Camp to Don Lugo Conservation Camp.
- 10-1-63 Peter P. Butz appointed Intermediate Typist Clerk in Riverside County.
- 10-1-63 Margaret Olive appointed Intermediate Stenographer in Riverside.
- 10-1-63 Frederick R. Cain transferred from Riverside County to San Bernardino.
- 10-1-63 Paul P. Alaniz, Forestry Work Project Foreman transferred from Prado Conservation Camp to Oak Glenn Conservation Camp.



- 10-1-63 Frank L. Villalovos, Forestry Work Project Foreman, transferred from Don Lugo Conservation Camp to Oak Glenn Conservation Camp.
- 10-1-63 Juan C. Camacho appointed CS Camp Crew Cook from TAU Camp Crew Cook in San Diego County.
- 10-1-63 Theodore J. Carter appointed CS Camp Crew Cook from a TAU Camp Crew Cook in San Diego County.
- 10-1-63 William F. Kelley appointed CS Camp Crew Cook from a TAU Camp Crew Cook in San Diego County.
- 10-1-63 Carl E. Safstrom appointed CS Camp Crew Cook from a TAU Camp Crew in San Diego County.
- 10-1-63 Joseph W. Dailey promoted from Forest Fire Truck Driver to Forest Firefighter Foreman in San Diego County.
- 10-1-63 Robert J. Clark promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Bernardino County.
- 10-1-63 Robert D. DeClerck promoted from Forest Firefighter to Forest Fire Truck Driver in San Bernardino County.
- 10-11-63 Jim S. Wilhite appointed Forestry Work Project Foreman in San Bernardino County.
- 10-1-63 Frank E. Crossfield appointed Forest Fire Prevention Program Supervisor in Riverside County from State Forest Ranger I in Mariposa County.
- 10-1-63 Jose Z. Tapia reinstated Forest Fire Truck Driver from a Military Leave of absence in Riverside County.

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## DISTRICT II

### INJURED HUNTER RESCUED

Led by Forestry Work Project Foreman Ed Nelson, a crew of 14 inmates from Crystal Creek Conservation Camp were called upon to rescue a deer hunter with a broken leg recently.

The hunter, injured in a fall on the rugged side of Bully Choop Mountain about noon on opening day of deer season, had been carried part way up the mountain by other hunters before they were forced to halt because of darkness.

Trinity County Sheriff's officers decided on a daylight rescue and took medication and blankets to the injured man to keep him comfortable. In the meantime help was requested from Crystal Creek.



Working in relays, and at times having to hold one end of the litter over their heads because of the steep terrain, the inmates carried the injured man to a waiting ambulance by 1000 the day following the accident.

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#### DAM DEDICATION

With 10,000 persons expected to witness the participation of President John F. Kennedy, in dedication ceremonies for the Whiskeytown Dam and reservoir, Ranger John Lockhart of the Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, was called upon to coordinate the fire protection services needed in the reservoir area.

Fire trucks from Butte, Tehama and Shasta Counties were placed at strategic locations for the ceremonies, and despite the hot weather and crowd, no fires occurred.

Ranger Lockhart also made space available for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company at South Fork Lookout to install a two link 24 channel microwave system, and helped their crew on the mountain by letting them store their equipment in the basement of the lookout tower and use it as a center of operations.

Hugo Fisher, Resources Agency Administrator, and DeWitt Nelson, Director of the Department of Conservation, were present at the dedication ceremonies.

Whiskeytown reservoir, a part of the Central Valley Project, is another link in the chain of lakes and reservoirs in the Redding area. The reservoir covers an area of more than 3,000 acres, will store 240,000 acre feet of water and has a 36 mile shoreline.

Water from the Trinity River and Clear Creek will keep the lake at a constant level, and all water leaving the reservoir eventually ends up in the Sacramento River.

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#### RANGER LOCKHART RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

"Mr. John Lockhart, Forest Ranger  
California Division of Forestry  
1050 Parkview  
Redding, California

"Dear John:

"We wish to express our appreciation for your excellent cooperation in providing fire protection crews and vehicles during the Whiskeytown Dam dedication ceremony on September 28, 1963.

"Fortunately no fires did occur during this event; however, it was comforting to know that adequate protection was available.



"Please extend our thanks to those of your staff who were on duty during the Whiskeytown Dam dedication.

"Sincerely yours,

"s/ Samuel A. King

"Project Manager"

Raymond R. Higgins  
Fire Prevention Officer

LETTER TO DEPUTY STATE FORESTER DUNOW DATED OCTOBER 3, 1963

"I wish to commend to you the men of your department involved in the attack on the very severe fire which burned on the outskirts of Sonora on September 26th.

"Had it not been for the efficiency of their assault it is certain we would have lost our home and out buildings.

"You can be justifiably proud of Ranger Jack Amundsen and the men who worked with him in combating this fire.

"A very sincere thanks to you and your department for a job well done.

"Sincerely,

"s/ Robert E. Cutler  
"Route 3, Box 840  
"Sonora, California"

LETTER TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, GRASS VALLEY HIGHWAY, NEVADA CITY

"We at Boyce Thompson Institute would like to express our appreciation for the promptness and effectiveness your department exhibited during the recent fire on our property. We are encouraged that any future fire will be met with equal promptness and efficiency.

"Thank you again.

"Sincerely

"s/ Dr. William D. Bedard  
"Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research Inc.  
"Grass Valley, California"

WE KNOW YOU ARE THERE --- AND READY

"Concerning the fire that swept 300 acres of land in the Idlewild-Posey-Balance Rock area, on September 25th, we who have homes and cabins in that area, would like to congratulate all the firefighters, both county and state, also, those handling trucks, bulldozers, jeeps, helicopters, bomber planes, and the ground crews for their help in saving our homes. We know that



we have a lot to be thankful for and we know too, that if it had not been for those men, working as a team, using good judgment and knowing just what to do, to handle the situation, many of our homes would have been lost. Our home, at one time, had fire on three sides, at the same time, shooting flames high, and like a flash, starting new blazes, yet these men conquered the fire and not one house even caught fire, even though there was a strong wind. We know these men know their jobs well and did their best. We thank God for fire departments. Some think they are a waste of the taxpayers money, yet when we need them, it is wonderful to know that we have their protection!

"It was amazing, how fast crews of men and fire equipment was brought in and set up in different areas. Equipment came from Kern County, Tulare, Tipton, Fountain Springs and other places. Every one responded so quickly. And even after the fire was under control, all through the night, and the next day and night, men and trucks patrolled the areas, putting out logs and new blazes. There were men stationed all over the area, in case of any new outbreaks. The area was also patrolled by helicopters. Every precaution was taken for our safety.

"Many thanks to each and everyone that took part in extinguishing that fire. I am certain that all the people, whose homes and cabins were saved, would like to join us in saying, Thank You Men! Please continue the good work, and although we do not speak to you personally, we do know you are there and are ready and willing to do your best to protect our homes and us, in time of need.

"Thank you, one and all!

"Sincerely

"s/ Mrs. Bertha Hockett

"Mr. & Mrs. Alvin W. Hockett

"Mr. & Mrs. William Fitch"

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#### FIREMEN COMPLIMENTED FOR ASSISTANCE AT OIL TANK FIRE

Recently lightning struck an oil tank at the Tidewater Oil Company tank station at Dos Palos. The resulting explosion and fire demonstrated the effectiveness of mutual aid between the County of Merced and Madera Ranger Unit. Following is a text of a letter from the Western Division Office of Tidewater Oil Company:

"We wish to express our gratitude for the effective aid rendered by the Division of Forestry in fighting and controlling the oil tank fire at Tidewater Oil Company's Brito Station.

"Your prompt response, and the furnishing of essential equipment, was a large factor in holding our loss to a minimum.

"Thank you for a job well done."

Richard T. Ford  
Fire Prevention Officer



## DISTRICT V

Following is a report of a rather interesting experience of an inmate of our Cuesta Conservation Camp. The experience was related by Eugene C. Cummings, Forestry Superintendent of the Cuesta Conservation Camp, and is as follows:

"One of our inmates was dunked in the lake by a deer; that sounds improbable, but it's so. The swamper of Crew #1 was just returning from a trek he had made from the bus to the site at which the crew was working. He had toted their lunches to them in a knapsack and enroute back to the bus, he noticed a buck and a doe standing alert on the side of a hill. He had the empty knapsack thrown loosely over his shoulders and, because it was raining a little, he had also pulled his coat over his head and was wearing it hood-like. I'm not a buck and wouldn't know, but he must have given the appearance of being another buck. Mr. Buck came charging down the hill like mad and Mr. Swamper took off on a gallop. He couldn't find what he was looking for -- a nice tall tree -- so he settled for what was handy -- the lake. In he went, and in he stayed until Mr. Buck discovered his mistake and toddled on back to Mrs. Doe. The thing we'll never know, I suppose, is what he would have decided to do had there been no lake."

Carl Albertus  
Assistant Deputy State Forester

## LETTER TO JAMES G. FENLON, RANGER

"Once again we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and all possible praise to your efficient crew supervised by Mr. Van Zeyl. They stopped, and mopped up, with remarkable efficiency the hottest of two acre fires within just a few feet of our carport and residence. We also wish to thank those bentonite bombers for their daring and splendid accuracy.

"We will be eternally grateful for the work of these men. Please thank them for us.

"Sincerely,

"s/ Mr. & Mrs. Edwin C. Ballin  
"Fernbrook, Ramona."







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